



Thompson Minor Hockey Association
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 26, 2007

Called to order 7:02 pm

Present: Clinton Bullock, Darcy Delyea, Darin Kulbaski, Maxine Larway, Mario LeClerc, Murrium McKay, Kris Menard, Dennis Rathgeber, Tim White, Diane Platford, Bernie Nicholson, Angie Cummings, Franko Cazzola, Troy Steeves

Regrets: Ken Shaw, Ingrid Shaw, Murray Kissick, Ben Henning

Absent: Earl Kuldys, Tanya Oakes, Claude Hykawy

Delegates: None

Minutes: Murrium McKay

Motion to accept minutes adopted as read with corrections for errors and omissions, 1st Diane Platford, 2nd Bernie Nicholson. CARRIED

Business Arising from Previous Minutes: None

Additions to New Business: - Chevrolet Fun Safe Hockey
- Peewee A Tournament in The Pas

Treasurer Report: Darin handed out a copy of the financial statement as of October 31, 2007 and stated that everything is on track.

President Report:

Suspensions- one midget player was suspended for fighting.

Tournaments (Out of Town) Results –

Atom A – received a silver in Morden

Atom AA – received a bronze in Morden

Peewee A – received a bronze in The Pas

Peewee AA – received a gold in The Pas

Bantam AA – received a silver in Flin Flon

Correspondence – None

Team Officials –

Peewee Doug's Source for Sports Team

Coach: Greg McKee

Asst. Coach: John Clemenson

Asst. Coach: Leon Gillis

Manager: Laurel Queen

Atom Carroll Aeros Team

Coach: Doug Lamontagne
Asst. Coach: Jeff Antila
Manager: Leigh Husarski

A motion was put forward by Diane to accept these team officials and was seconded by Bernie. It was voted on by the board and passed.

Hockey Ville –

The search for Canada's most fanatical hockey community is back and the stakes have been raised. **KRAFT HOCKEYVILLE 2008** is gearing up to be the fiercest competition yet, with a grand prize package that includes a 2008/09 NHL ® pre-season game played at the winner's home arena, a visit from CBC's Hockey Night in Canada and **\$100,000** toward arena upgrades!

The **KRAFT HOCKEYVILLE 2008** submission process is simple. **From December 1, 2007 to January 5, 2008, communities can enter by logging on to www.cbcsports.ca/hockeyville**, creating a team name, filling out an application form and submitting a short essay with three supporting photos that depict their hometown pride and passion for the game.

TMHA plans to support and help the City with whatever they come up with.

Norman/Manitoba Hockey – Kris attended the AGM and reported that Thompson has accepted the ruling to attend the northern tournaments. The only team that has decided not to accept this is The Pas. Due to their refusal to abide by this request, Manitoba Hockey has denied some of their tournament requests. Kris stated that it seems some of the people outside our area still hold on to a belief that some teams just do not want to travel all the way to Thompson. Kris hopes that by attending these meetings and communicating with people, that people can let go of this way of thinking and look forward to participating in Thompson's Tournament's for years to come.

Criminal Record checks – 3 still needed! **ACTION... Ben & Murrrium**

Old Business:

Norman Winter Legacy Fund – This will be looked into and followed up on. **ACTION...Kris**

North Central Development - Funding is available in different areas... All board members are to read the information and come back to the next meeting and see which directors can capitalize on the funding. Diane will look into this. **ACTION...Diane**

Randy Whitton Re: Kevin Scadden Scholarship - to be looked into further. Diane will talk to Ben who was looking into this. **ACTION... Diane**

Sponsor Question – As for the request to sew a patch from a sponsor onto a child's hockey pants... There is no official ruling against this, therefore the board has decided that this can be left up to the discretion of the player's parents and the board has no problem with it.

Goalies with No Socks - There is no ruling that states that Goalies have to wear socks, so this is up to the player and parents.

Directors Reports:

Maxine Larway...The Norman Female Bantam Challenge is part of the POE (Program of Excellence). Last weekend, try-outs were held for all females (Bantam age) in the Norman Region. 22 participated. 17 will make the team.

At the same time, try-outs were held to form a Midget AA (it says AAA) Female Midget Team. Females from the Norman Region will make up this team. 9 participated. They hope to take 20 and will AP the remaining from the Bantam team.

All were held in The Pas on November 24th, 25th.

Bernie Nicholson...There was one new Bantam player and this player has already been added to a team.

Dennis Rathgeber...Dennis continues to have some problems dealing with issues amongst his Novice coaches. There seems to be concerns with certain kids getting more ice time than others and some un-sureness as to whether the teams are balanced. It was suggested to Dennis that maybe it would be a good idea to consider going back to a three minute buzzer to ensure that all the Novice players are receiving equal ice time. Once again Dennis was reminded to meet and speak with the coaches and to remind them that they need to communicate and bring any of their complaints or concerns in writing and/or before the board.

Dennis had no refs for a few of his Novice games and he asked for Clinton to check the Schedule that Dennis has on line for the Novice games. Dennis had help from Lee Dower and Robert Breim to do some reffing and he stated that they did a wonderful job helping out and he would like to reward them somehow. It was suggested that maybe they get some coupons for Subway or McDonald's to thank them for their work.

It was also reported that there has been pucks going missing and that a sign should be made to remind people to lock the door after leaving this room.

New Business:

Adhoc Committee:

Diane handed out a summary of results obtained through the Adhoc Committee survey. The summary went through the top five categories and then followed on to show the top priorities in each of the five categories. This document will be available on the Website. Diane also stated Ben Henning has been added to the Adhoc committee.

Midget House League:

After a lot of thought and struggling with ideas to improve the situation of low numbers and attendance in the Midget House League, Darcy put forward a motion. The motion being to move the second year Bantam AA players up to play in the Midget House League and divide them equally among the teams. This would start on Monday December 3rd and would run until Christmas on a trial basis. This motion was seconded by Diane and voted on and passed by the board.

Bernie Nicholson raised her concerns about the effects that this might have on the Bantam House League and that it takes away some of the challenge for the kids that are left behind. It was actually a “robbing from Peter to pay Paul” scenario. Darcy stated that he put a lot of thought into it and that he would really like to try this solution for now and see if it helps solve the problem of the low numbers and attendance in the Midget House League. He stated that the situation is desperate and that it’s almost not even worth it sometimes for the refs and coaches to show up because there are so few players.

Peewee Hallway Incident:

It was brought to one of the board members attention that there was an incident between two Peewee players in the hallway at the arena. The coach of these children spoke to the children and parents involved and they worked it out amongst themselves. The child who was involved stated that he was okay and it was just a prank amongst two boys and that there was no hard feelings. This matter is being left to the discretion of the coaches and the parents of these children.

Chevy Fun/Safe Hockey:

Randy McKay has agreed to provide the funding for this event. It calls for commitment from the Novice Director and coaches to make arrangements for this event to happen. A parent meeting would have to be arranged to plan what is needed to help out with this event. A motion was put forward by Darcy to commit to this event and to make arrangements for the ice time needed. This was seconded by Diane and passed by the board.

Female Jerseys:

Maxine reported that George Cormier from Paul’s Plumbing has agreed to purchase 40 jerseys for the female Novice to Peewee age group if we agree to put his small Logo somewhere on the jerseys. The remaining cost for the lettering and decaling would be \$1600. A motion was put forward by Darcy for Thompson Minor Hockey to pay the \$1600 dollars remaining. This motion was seconded by Tim and voted on and passed by the board.

Peewee A Tournament in The Pas:

The Peewee A team attended the Sports Trader Tournament in The Pas. There ended up being some issues concerning the no-mercy rule, which caused the Thompson team to play in the bronze medal game instead of the gold/silver. This was an unfortunate situation and was clearly a lack of communication and possibly a lack of experience. The coach went straight to Hockey Manitoba about this matter during the tournament instead of trying to contact someone from The Thompson Minor Hockey Board, which would have been the proper step. The people from The Pas who were involved in this matter have apologized repeatedly for this oversight and returned the teams registration. The board feels that the team still came away with the 4 or 5 games played and a motion was put forward by Darcy to send back the registration fee to The Pas. This was seconded by Mario and passed by the board.

Motion to Adjourn: 8:55 p.m. 1st. Diane Platford, 2nd Murrum McKay. CARRIED

Next Meeting: December 10/07 @ 7pm - Mary Fenske Board Room